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WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 1863.

THE LEGION OF DEFENCE.—The enrolment of our citizens is now complete; all loyal men have voluntarily come forward, and those who so far sympathize with treason as to skulk when they are asked to arm to repel its invasion will, we are happy to say, soon have an opportunity of working on the precipitations to be erected for the perfect defence of our city. Such exercise will prove healthful and useful as well as ornamental. We have a right to be proud of the plucky which has marked our popular movement. No sooner had General Boyle made the call upon the patriotism of Louisville than it met a response which shows how truly the Union sentiment and love for the country pervade every honest heart. The result proves that our city can protect itself. We have now fully six thousand men under drill within its limits, and nearly the same number are serving as volunteers in the armies of the Union. We have therefore a force which could "laugh a sieve to see."

The Special Order No. 169 from Gen. Boyle, which is published in this paper, should attract the observation of all. Certain officers are detailed to give exemptions from military or drill duty to aliens, non-residents, and for disability. We hope, however, that all our citizens generally, who have enjoyed the protection of our laws, have not hesitated to enroll themselves for service in case of imminent peril to the city. One portion of this order requires particular attention, and that is the duty enjoined upon officers to report all who have neglected to enroll themselves. When this is done, we shall see a fatigued party in earnest, and its members can expect no sympathy or compassion from the truly loyal.

We congratulate Gen. Boyle upon the splendid hand he has improvised. His declaration of martial law, like the whistle of Roderick Dhu, "has garnished the glen." Should he be called upon to lead them to the field, we feel every confidence that they will be found as brave as they have been prompt at their call.

The Editor of the Democrat appears to have availed himself at all times to the fact that the question of withholding supplies is not at present a practical one. We pressed this fact upon our neighbor's attention three months ago; but he then refused to acknowledge it. The fact is certainly not to be disputed. The question of withholding supplies as a mere question of practicality for two reasons. In the first place, the whole military force of the nation, together with the money needed necessary to defray the national expenses for the current fiscal year, is already furnished; and, secondly, the question itself is confined exclusively to the secession party of Kentucky and its allies in the State. In other words, further supplies are not required at present, and, if they were, the party opposed to furnishing them is altogether too insignificant to make its position to report promptly to the nearest military post every suspicious movement. Let these parties pass over their beats frequently by night and day and communicate to each other all that is going on. Intelligence may be thus conveyed rapidly, and we will be practising our own game upon the guerrillas, and become as well posted as regards their numbers and movements as they now are in reference to ours. After having obtained reliable information, the military authorities, with a sufficient cavalry force, ready for such an emergency, can at once either intercept them or be so close upon their track as to prevent their doing much injury to either public or private interests. If we pursue our horses out, let us take fresh ones, the officer in command of the scouting party giving receipt for the same, so that the owners may make reclamation after the chase.

The Unionist in the country can easily tell these guerrillas and the unopposed need not err in making up their opinion, if they will notice a few things which our military friend has had occasion to observe. They are the following:—1. The Romane of Free Masonry who proposes to substitute a Romance of Freebootery. "What a fall, was there, my countrywoman!" But still if Goetzel—which we presume is German for "good sell," and it will be at \$35 a volume—will forward us a presentation copy under a flag of truce, we shall criticize Mr. Ford according to her deserts, and not to the underservings of her graceless subjects. We assure her that she has fallen into bad company, and we deeply sympathize with her in the necessity which compels her to select for her graceful pen themes which must curlie her blood and mantle her cheeks with the roses of virtuous indignation.

Our neighbor of the Democrat professes to be concerned respecting Judge Bramlette's disposition to enforce the laws of the State. Our neighbor says:

There is a law of the State against kidnaping, will he enforce it? There is a law against the introduction of free negroes into the State, will he enforce it? There is a law guaranteeing free speech and a free press; will he enforce that? and a law guaranteeing the rights of the people to peaceably assemble?—If he does not, then we will elect a Governor to put down the rebellion especially, though we expect him to aid in that as far as possible, nor for the singular merit of running away, may vote against him in the election of a President.

Our neighbor will do. Let us tell him we have done our duty.

Our neighbor did not tell us, never opening his mouth on the subject until now, when he acknowledges that the thing can't be done.

Touching the latter reason, we said in a subsequent article:

Our neighbor talks about the willingness of the "Southern Rights men" to "accept the Democrat's platform." The language of our neighbor is adapted to create an erroneous impression, for he says, "The Southern Rights men" have not accepted "the Democrat's platform."

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